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Dear Professor Hedenberg:

I have been interested in your research; this has been strengthened appreciably over the past several weeks as I read more of your papers.

My academic training has been mainly in classical chemistry and intensively in organic chemistry. Besides the courses you will see listed in the transcripts being sent to you, I have also audited such courses as alkaloid chemistry, physical organic chemistry and theories of Modern Valence. My ability to think in mechanistic terms was mainly formed, however, in seminars, group discussions and research.

I am looking forward to these activities with much anticipation: discussions of problems by interested people coupled with significant research. I know I would be

able to expect these with your group.

As I indicated in my letter to Prof. Kornberg, my background in biochemistry and certain allied disciplines may be weak, but I am presently working to alleviate this deficit by studying Baldwin's and ~~Frost~~ton's texts.

I have written Professor Elwood V. Jensen and Herbert I. Jacobson asking that they send along letters of recommendation.

Thank you for your interest.

Yours truly

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